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SUBJ: COCOA: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL
COCOA ORGANIZATION (ICCO) MEETINGS

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM UK HACKMAN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ICCO, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE, CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT,
AND INVITING THE US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK (LETTER
BEING POUCHED).

2. THE LETTER INFORMS THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT
DURING ITS 4TH SESSION IN MARCH, 1975, THE INTERNATIONAL
COCOA COUNCIL (A) DECIDED THAT THE 1972 INTERNATIONAL
COCOA AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RENEGOTIATED UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF UNCTAD, (B) REQUESTED THAT A CONFERENCE
BE CONVENED SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 17, 1975, AND (C)
ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A DRAFT
AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL AS A WORK PAPER
FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS
SCHEDULED TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING JUNE 9-13, 1975.

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3. THE US IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE ICCO IF WE DESIRE
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.
MOREOVER, ANY WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS RELATING
TO A NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR BEFORE THE END OF MAY 1975.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: US OBSERVER WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN
THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

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